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REPORT

COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Military Information from the Templin-Kannenburg Training Area

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 17 August 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. From 24 to 27 July 1953 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Several squads and platoons engaged in basic drill. Vehicular traffic was very light during the period under review. Driving school trucks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were observed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sixty soldiers on 6 x 120-mm mortars in Jagen (forest section) No 83 fired against undetermined targets in Jagen No 168. Individual trucks [REDACTED] were at the mortar emplacements. This firing was daily observed until 31 July. The mortar crews were hauled away by trucks [REDACTED]

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2. On 14 July, eight new radio masts and motor vehicles [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were in Jagen No 53 near Beutel. On 15 July, the radio masts were moved to an undetermined location in the center of the area.

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3. Between 20 and 23 July, no training activity was observed in Camp Kannenburg.

At about 4 p.m. on 21 July, trucks [REDACTED] each towing a 76-mm field gun went to the camp, coming from the direction of Zehdenick. At about 6 p.m., trucks [REDACTED] occupied by about 40 troops and each towing a 76-mm field gun, went toward Zehdenick, coming from the camp. At about 11:30 a.m. on 23 July, three trucks, occupied by about 60 troops, went toward Grunewald, coming from Camp Burgwall. The trucks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] included one towing a 76-mm field gun. At the same time, three prime movers, each towing a 100-mm AT gun, went toward Zehdenick. Between 25 and 31 July, T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] were seen en route toward Mildenberg via Zehdenick, coming from Camp Kannenburg. On 30 July, about 10 trucks, occupied by about 100 troops, towing 2 x 76-mm field guns and including [REDACTED], went into Camp Burgwall, coming from the direction of Gross Doellen. At 10:45 a.m. on 31 July, a column of about 18 motor vehicles,

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including 10 trucks towing 76-mm field guns, passed through Hammelspring, coming from Camp Kannenburg and proceeding toward Templin.

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Comment. [redacted] on 20 and 21 July, [redacted] the arrival by rail and road at the Templin training grounds of units [redacted] came from the direction of Eberswalde.

[redacted] the barracks installations in Eberswalde were occupied almost to capacity during the second half of July, it is believed that only small elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div transferred to Templin about 20 July.

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This is also indicated by the information in this report. Only some [redacted] the motor vehicle [redacted] belonged exclusively of the 25th Tank Div and the unidentified artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, thus indicating that only small elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div were stationed at the training area until late July.

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